

Mr Schenck will leave for
Columbus to-morrow or the day
after, to canvass for the places
vacated by the elevation of
Mr Chase to the Cabinet. I
hope he may be successful.

Robert and I room together.
George Shaw was here yesterday
and to-day. He went home this
afternoon.

It is now past one o'clock
in good night my dear.

L B Brown

P.S. Had a talk with Chase this morn-
ing & am of opinion that he intends to
support Brown. Schenck & Corwin (I)
will have a talk with Lincoln this
afternoon. When I have heard the re-
sult of this, I will know better how
the card lies. — I have no time
or space to add more, but I will
write to-night again — Thine faithfully
L B B.

Washington March 5th
My Dear Wife.

I hope I shall hear
from you soon, and I suspect
you will be quite as anxious to
hear from me again, after you
have received my last letter.

The inauguration as you
have learned long ere this,
passed off very quietly and
without the least disturbance.

There was a large display of
military and a tremendous
crowd of people. Upon the
platform there was the whole
body of Foreign Ministers. I
had never seen them in their
court costume and I regard-
ed them with a very curious
eye. How they looked, I shall
tell you when I come home

Every body was armed, nearly,
and the southerners were very mad,
so that you can easily believe
it would not have taken very
much to have started a bloody
fight. I am very glad that
nothing occurred to commence
it for I am afraid I should
have been obliged to take a
hand in it.

I went to the Smithsonian-
ian Institute this morning. It is
a very interesting place, but it
requires more time to see it all
than most persons devote to it.
I saw some exceedingly curious things
and some birds of almost incon-
ceivable beauty.

To-morrow I expect to go to
the Capitol, where I have not been
(inside) yet & perhaps to the Na-
vy Yard & the War Steamers.

The cabinet was not such

as our people desired. How
it will be about the P.O. is still
in the dark. I saw Mr Schenk
& Jim Corwin in reference to it to-
day. They are going to bring the
matter before the President to-mor-
row. The result of their interview
I will write you to-morrow eve-
ning. - I called on Mr Chase this
morning but did not find him in.
I shall try to see him to-morrow
and learn what side he intends
to take if any. I suppose it will
be very difficult to see him as
he will be very much occupied.

The crowd has thinned out
very greatly & we are much more
comfortable in consequence.

My pictures are a great conso-
lation and I seem almost at home
when I look upon the counter-
feit representations of the dear ones
I have left behind.